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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MARCH 18, 2004

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 18, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-14, 16-21, 23-27, 29 and 31 drawn to a system for executing managed and unmanaged code, classified in class 707, subclass 206.

Group II - Claim 15, drawn to a system for executing code in real-time in class 707, subclass 101.

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Group III – Claims 22 and 33, drawn to a method of garbage collection during execution of code on a machine, classified in class 707, subclass 2.

Group IV – Claims 28-29, 32 and 34, drawn to computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps, classified in class 707, subclass 104.1.


Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-14, 16-21, 23-27, 29 and 31 drawn to a system for executing managed and unmanaged code, classified in class 707, subclass 206) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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